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BBC Broadcast on BKI Leaders and Ali Kelcyra, and British Policy

1. On the evenings of 30 and 31 March 1953, the Albanian section of BBC broadcast a reply to a recent article in PRAVDA and the transmission of 20 March which contended that Mustapha Kruja, Kol Bib Mirakaj, Ali Kelcyra and Ernest Koliqi were among the founders and leaders of the N.C.F.A. The Albanian Communist regime has taken great pains to preserve and exhibit all the documents which "prove" that the above men not only asked the Fascists to rule over them and save them from the "terroristic and corrupt Zog regime", but in addition aided the Fascists to occupy and maintain their power in Albania.

2. BBC vehemently attacked the political careers of Kruja, Mirakaj, Kelcyra and Koliqi and stated that the above individuals had been Fascists of the worst sort, but that they had and would have nothing to do with the N.C.F.A. The talk which was delivered by Tahir Zavalani used especially strong language. The full text of the BBC broadcast is available, if desired.

3. [] reported to [] that when he questioned RNPOSTAL about the broadcast, the latter said that the statements made represented official British policy, and that the British had no intention of allowing Fascist elements to enter the N.C.F.A. and give the Communists the best possible target for propaganda.

4. This information is passed on as shedding an interesting light on British policy, since we had been led to believe that the British at one time at least expressed willingness to consider inclusion of the BKI and Ali Kelcyra in the N.C.F.A.

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